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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**WCBD:** Gov. Haley posts pic of new First Puppy

<http://counton2.com/2016/01/04/gov-haley-posts-pic-of-new-first-puppy/>

Gov. Nikki Haley introduced the new First Puppy, Bentley by posting a picture of the Labradoodle with her family. They got the pup from a breeder in Inman called Doo South Labradoodles. The Labradoodle is named Bently. Labradoodles are a lab and poodle mix.

**America Bazaar:** Will Nikki Haley become the Vice President of the United States?

<http://www.americanbazaaronline.com/2016/01/04/will-nikki-haley-become-the-vice-president-of-the-united-states/>

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley may continue to be big in the news in 2016, like she was in 2015, especially if a prediction made by Politico proves to be correct: that she will be given the vice presidential ticket by the GOP nominee Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, if indeed he is picked to lead the party's charge for the White House.

**Note:** One of the predictions: "A Ted Cruz-Nikki Haley GOP ticket will defeat a Hillary Clinton-Tim Kaine Democratic ticket to claim the White House."

**Greenville News:** Haley to speak in Liberty

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/pickens-county/2016/01/04/haley-speak-easley/78256014/>  
Ron Barnett

Gov. Nikki Haley is scheduled to speak at a fundraising reception for state Rep. Neal Collins at the Pickens County Career and Technology Center on Tuesday, according to Collins. Following a private reception for donors of \$1,000 and \$500 at 5:30 p.m., a free general reception will be held from 6-7 p.m., with entertainment and food provided.

### S.C. General Assembly News:

**Island Packet:** State Rep. Kenneth Hodges will not seek re-election this year

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article52958830.html>

Zach Murdock

State Rep. Kenneth Hodges will not seek re-election to his S.C. House District 121 seat this fall. The Green Pond Democrat and pastor of Beaufort's Tabernacle Baptist Church has held the seat representing parts of northern Beaufort and southern Colleton counties since Aug. 2005.

### South Carolina News:

**Post and Courier:** Michael Slager granted \$500,000 bail; trial set for Oct. 31

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160104/PC16/160109767>

Andrew Knapp

A judge today granted bail today for the former North Charleston officer who fatally shot Walter Scott. Judge Clifton Newman ruled that the trial delay was a change in circumstance that allowed him to reconsider bail. Newman also set the trial for Oct. 31. Attorneys for Slager, who is charged with murder in Scott's April 4 death, had filed a motion for a speedy trial and asked Newman to set the date in the spring.

**Associated Press:** Hearing set on ex-officer's request for a speedy trial

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=tnuxflUO](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=tnuxflUO)

Bruce Smith

A state judge is hearing a speedy trial request by a former South Carolina police officer charged with killing

an unarmed black motorist. Attorneys for Michael Slager, who is white and charged with murder in the shooting death of Walter Scott last April, say they'll be ready for trial this spring. Prosecutor Scarlett Wilson says the trial should be held next November at the earliest.

**The State:** Deadline to apply for federal disaster assistance fast approaching

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article52963630.html>

Avery Wilks

Residents affected by the historic Oct. 4 flooding in South Carolina have until Monday at midnight to apply for federal disaster assistance. The deadline to apply for disaster aid from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and for low-interest loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration was previously set for Jan. 3 at midnight.

**Post and Courier:** S.C. gas price continues to fall; Missouri lowest in nation

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160104/PC05/160109763>

Warren L. Wise

Gasoline prices fell another 1.3 cents a gallon in South Carolina during the past week to an average \$1.73. That's 30 cents lower than a year ago, according to gas price service GasBuddy. Motor Club AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge Report puts the price a penny higher. Missouri has the lowest-price gas in the nation at \$1.70 a gallon, according to AAA.

**Post and Courier:** Steady outlook for Boeing's Dreamliner following record year for deliveries

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160104/PC05/160109727>

David Wren

After setting a record for annual deliveries of its popular Dreamliner commercial plane, analysts say Boeing Co. should continue to experience a strong market for the fuel-efficient, wide-body jet during the coming year. "I think the Dreamliner should be pretty much steady as she goes," Scott Hamilton, managing director of the Leeham Co. aviation consultancy, told The Post and Courier.

**Greenville News:** Oconee nuclear station faces special inspection

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/01/04/oconee-nuclear-station-faces-special-inspection/78267988/>

Eric Connor

Federal regulators will conduct a special inspection of the Oconee Nuclear Station's three reactors on Tuesday after it was discovered that power cables either hadn't been connected or were in poor condition. Duke Energy, which owns and runs the 42-year-old nuclear station on the shores of Lake Keowee about 30 miles from Greenville, said it welcomes the inspection and will cooperate fully.

**Greenville News:** Manufacturers group opposes Pickens County coal ash landfill

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/pickens-county/2016/01/04/manufacturers-group-opposes-pickens-county-coal-ash-landfill/78268186/>

Ron Barnett

A manufacturers group in Pickens County is opposing a proposed coal ash landfill near Liberty, citing environmental and economic concerns. Pickens County Council is scheduled to consider a resolution on the proposed landfill at its 6:30 p.m. meeting today.

## Local News:

**Sun News:** North Myrtle Beach to set priorities list to alleviate flooding

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article52931260.html>

Audrey Hudson

The North Myrtle Beach City Council will consider whether to spend more than \$1.7 million in 2017 for storm drainage improvements to alleviate street and yard flooding that occurs during heavy rains. The council has devised a working list of priority groupings of neighborhoods and estimated costs, and will decide at a budget retreat in March how the city will pay for the work and whether some projects could start earlier, said Pat Dowling, North Myrtle Beach spokesman.

**Post and Courier:** Charleston prayer gathering supports effort to strengthen police, community trust

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160104/PC16/160109761>

Glenn Smith

Charleston city officials, clergy, community activists and others gathered Monday morning to pray for the success of an innovative initiative aimed at strengthening ties and trust between the community and its police force. About 50 people from at least eight congregations attended the prayer gathering at Circular Congregational Church in support of the Illumination Project.

**Post and Courier:** Charleston Mayor Joe Riley to broadcast appreciation message Tuesday  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160104/PC16/160109754>

Diane Knich

Charleston Mayor Joe Riley at 7 p.m. Tuesday will broadcast an appreciation message as he prepares to step down after 40 years in office. The message will be broadcast on local TV stations WCIV, WCSC and WCBD, which also will live stream at [counton2.com](http://counton2.com).

**Post and Courier:** North Charleston mayor, council to be sworn in  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160104/PC16/160109737>

Brenda Rindge

North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey and City Council members will be sworn in at 6 p.m. Tuesday in Council Chambers at North Charleston City Hall, 2500 City Hall Lane. The swearing-in ceremony follows the Nov. 3 municipal elections for mayor and all 10 council seats.

**Associated Press:** York County Sheriff Bruce Bryant won't run for re-election  
[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=qL0BDwiM](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=qL0BDwiM)

York County Sheriff Bruce Bryant says he won't run for re-election this year. Bryant announced his retirement from the sheriff's office Monday at a news conference. He said he talked it over with his wife and decided it was time to move on and spend more time with his family.

#### **National News:**

**Associated Press:** 2 Clintons and plenty of Republicans in motion  
[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=yxVSvnHS](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=yxVSvnHS)

Vivian Salama

The sprint to the Iowa caucuses opened Monday with nearly a dozen presidential candidates in motion, a rather restrained Bill Clinton stepping up for his wife and a pledge by the only billionaire in the race to start spending serious money.

**Associated Press:** Obama defends forthcoming gun restrictions as constitutional  
<http://www.independentmail.com/topstories/obama-starts-2016-with-a-fight-over-gun-control-jmgurnpublicidaporg0b440ac2030b4de2b8b8390fcf162911-364113221.html>

Kathleen Hennessey

Gearing up for a certain confrontation with Congress, President Barack Obama defended his plans to tighten the nation's gun-control restrictions on his own, insisting Monday that the steps he'll announce fall within his legal authority and uphold the constitutional right to own a gun.

**Associated Press:** U.S. stocks skid on year's 1st trading day, triggered by China sell-off  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160104/PC05/160109770>

Bernard Condon

U.S. stocks are falling sharply after a plunge in China and declines in Europe. Traders were rattled by more signs of weakness in China's economy and escalating tensions between Saudi Arabia and Iran. The Dow Jones industrial average sank 428, or 2.5 percent, to 16,997 as of 11:45 a.m. Eastern time Monday.

**Associated Press:** Georgia Gov. Deal rescinds order preventing Syrian refugee resettlement  
<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160104/AIK0106/160109829/georgia-gov-deal-rescinds-order-preventing-syrian-refugee-resettlement>

Kathleen Foody

Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal rescinded an executive order trying to stop resettlement of Syrian refugees on Monday; five days after Attorney General Sam Olens issued an official opinion that he didn't have that authority. Deal's one-sentence order cited Olens' opinion, and gave no further explanation.

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